

Multi-Agency Evaluation Study, Round Two

We Need Your Help!

Round two of the Multi-Agency Evaluation Study (MAES II) is attempting to assemble a dataset of at least 75 ECR cases over the next 12-18 months. *If you have been or are currently the neutral or a participant in one or more ECR cases involving a state, a tribe or the federal government (or if you just know about such cases), would you be willing to provide identifying information for each?*

Here are the types of cases in which we are interested:

What is an "Environmental Conflict Resolution (ECR)" case?

ECR cases have these characteristics:

- a focus on an environmental, natural resource or public lands controversy, including those involving energy, transportation and land use issues;
- be agreement-seeking¹; and
- involve a independent, third-party facilitator or mediator.

What kind of ECR cases are needed?

We are interested in a wide range of cases in terms of substance, type of process, complexity and outcomes. Specifically, we seek:

- large as well as small cases (in terms of numbers of participants);
- short as well as long ones (few weeks to several years);
- "upstream" as well as "downstream" cases (see enclosed diagram); and
- cases characterized by any of the following outcomes:
 - those where full agreements were reached,
 - those where agreement was only partial but issues were narrowed,
 - those where the capacity of the participants to work together was enhanced,
 - and those where little progress was made.

How old can a case be?

Any ECR case that reaches completion² within the last six months and before October 31, 2006, can be included.

¹ Agreements can be written or unwritten plans, proposals/recommendations, procedures, collaborative decisions to work together and settlements – policy dialogs and other collaborative processes that are not intended to produce an agreement do not qualify.

² Completion means that the participants stopped deliberating whether or not they reached agreement.

Here's what we need:

Case name: _____

Sponsoring agency contact

Name: _____

Title (if known): _____

Agency: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail address: _____

Status

☐ Completed on: _____

☐ On-going

Your contact information

Name: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail address: _____

Please answer as many questions as you can. You can fill out this form on your computer or and mail a copy to Dale Keyes, MAES II Project Manager:

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We'll contact the sponsoring organization to see if we can include the case in the Study. Your participation in helping us identify cases will be acknowledged in the Study reports, copies of which you will automatically receive.

We appreciate your interest in MAES II, which promises to be an important study for the entire ECR field.